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SUBJ: STRONG ARM TACTICS APPLIED TO URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION

1. CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING SERVICE REPORTED JUNE 17 THAT 40 YOUNG MEN STORMED YONGDONGPO OFFICE OF URBAN INDUSTRIAL MISSION ON JUNE 16 OVERTURNING DESKS AND CHAIRS AND RIPPING OUT TELEPHONES. TOUGHS WARNED UIM NOT TO INTERFERE IN LABOR DISPUTE AT NAMYONG RAYON COMPANY. RADIO REPORTED THAT POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING CHARGES THAT NAMYONG MANAGEMENT HAD HIRED GOONS TO INTIMIDATE ITS WORKERS.

2. NAMYONG DISPUTE HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOMETIME. MORE ACTORS INVOLVED THAN MEETS THE EYE, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT, LOCAL BRANCH OF TEXTILE UNION, MALE WORKERS, FEMALE WORKERS AND UIM. MOST WORKERS APPARENTLY STRUCK ON MAY 7, BUT QUESTION OF RATES OF INCREASES FOR SKILLED AS OPPOSED TO UNSKILLED WORKERS CAUSED WORKER SOLIDARITY TO CRACK. MEN RETURNED TO WORK BUT SOME GIRLS (ASSOCIATED WITH UIM WHICH INFLUENCES ABOUT TEN PERCENT OF WORK FORCE) ATTEMPTED SIT-DOWN STRIKE TACTICS. MEN EJECTED GIRLS FROM PLANT AND 11 GIRLS WERE DISMISSED FROM JOBS AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED (APPARENTLY FOR TRESPASSING ALTHOUGH FOR ASSAULT IN ONE CASE). PLANT OPERATIONS SEEMED TO RETURN TO NORMAL, BUT UIM THREATENED ORGANIZATION OF BOYCOTT OF NAMYONG
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PRODUCTS TO FORCE PLANT TO REINSTATE 11 GIRLS. HIRING OF GOONS MAY HAVE BEEN MANAGEMENT'S ANSWER TO THIS THREAT. SOURCES CLOSE TO UIM FEAR, HOWEVER, THAT THEY MAY BE SEEING START OF NEW TACTIC AIMED AT BLOCKING ORGANIZATION'S FREEDOM OF ACTION.
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